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FOR THORNE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR EG US (OREP, HASKELL, CODEL)

SUBJECT: CODEL HASKELL

1. JUST IN CASE THE RIPPLES ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY TO YOU,
CODEL HASKELL WILL NOT RPT NOT VISIT SFM.

2. AS YOU KNOW, THERE WAS NO PLANS FOR IT TO DO SO.
INSTEAD CODEL WILL VISIT ISMAILIA AND SUEZ TOMORROW.
DURING OUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT TODAY, HE SUGGESTED
CODEL SHOULD VISIT SFM AND GOE WOULD MAKE HELICOPTER
AVAILABLE TO TAKE CODEL TO EAST BANK. CODEL INITALLY
AGREED AND VP MUBARAK WAS INSTRUCTED TO HAVE GAMASY
PROVIDE HELICOPTER. AFTER WE HAD LEFT PRESIDENT, SOME OF TIME
ASPECTS INVOLVED IN SUCH TRIP WERE POINTED OUT TO
CODEL AND FACT THAT VISIT TO SUEZ WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO
BE SKIPPED IF SFM TRIP TOOK PLACE. CODEL ESPECIALLY
INTERESTED IN SEEING REBUILT SUEZ. HENCE, HE DECIDED
TO CALL OFF OFFERED TRIP. WE ARE GETTING IN TOUCH
WITH GAMASY'S OFFICE TO CALL OFF HELICOPTER LIFT.

2. WHILE IT MAY BE STRETCHING THE CREDIBLE, IT JUST
POSSIBLE THAT WORD HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT
DOWN BY GAMASY'S OFFICE TO HIS PEOPLE IN SINAI
THAT CODEL IS COMING AND THAT THIS MIGHT SOMEHOW BE PASSED
TO YOU. IF SO, YOU KNOW THE STORY: CODEL IS NOT,
RPT NOT, COMING.

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